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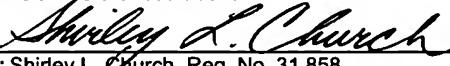
PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

In Re Patent Application Of:) Art Group: 1756
Scott Fuller et al.) (Parent Application)
Application No.: Not Yet Assigned)
Filing Date: January 15, 2004)
Title: METHOD OF IMPROVING THE SHELF)
LIFE OF A BLANK PHOTOMASK)
SUBSTRATE)
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DIVISIONAL APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Mail Stop Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants hereby file a [] continuation [X] divisional [] continuation-in-part application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) of the prior complete application identified below.

IDENTIFICATION OF PRIOR COMPLETE APPLICATION

Title: As originally filed - METHOD OF PREPARING OPTICALLY IMAGED HIGH PERFORMANCE PHOTOMASKS.

Pending Application Number: 09/912,116

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Filing Date: July 23, 2001

Inventor: Scott Fuller; Melvin W. Montgomery; Jeffrey A. Albelo; Alex Buxbaum

Enclosed is a copy of the original, first, prior complete application, including a copy of the oath or declaration showing the signature of the inventors. The enclosed papers are a true copy of the prior complete application as filed, including the specification, claims, drawings and signed oath or declaration, and any amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application.

INVENTORS

1. The inventors of the present application are the same as in the prior complete application.
2. The inventor(s) of the present application have been changed to include the following named inventor(s): _____
 - a. It is requested that the following persons be deleted as inventor(s) in the present application: _____
 - b. The present application is a continuation-in-part of the prior complete application, and an oath or declaration as required under 37 CFR § 1.63 accompanies this paper.

AMENDMENTS

3. Enter the amendment previously filed under 37 CFR § 1.116, but unentered, in the prior application.
4. A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
5. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: -- This application is a divisional application of Application Serial No. 09/912,116, filed July 23, 2001, which is currently pending. -- .
6. Amend the title in the present application to the following: METHOD OF INCREASING THE SHELF LIFE OF A BLANK PHOTOMASK SUBSTRATE.

INTERNATIONAL PRIORITY

7. Priority of Application Serial No. _____, filed on _____, in _____(country) is claimed under 35 USC § 119.

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8. The certified copy of the priority application:
 is enclosed;
 was filed on _____ in prior Application Serial No. _____; filed on _____;
 has not yet been filed.

PRIORITY UNDER 35 USC § 120

9. Applicants hereby claim priority under 35 USC § 120, wherein the priority application is Serial No. 09/912,116.

ATTORNEY OR AGENT OF RECORD

10. The power of attorney in the prior application is to: Peter J. Sgarbossa (Reg. No. 25,610); Donald Verplancken (Reg. No. 33,217); Lawrence Edelman (Reg. No. 25,225); Joseph Bach (Reg. No. 37,771); Raymond Kam-On Kwong (Reg. No. 37,165); James C. Wilson (Reg. No. 35,412); Robert W. Mulcahy (Reg. No. 25,436); Shirley L. Church (Reg. No. 31,858); and Kathi Bean (Reg. No. 36,644).

a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
b. Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

11. A copy of the Declaration & Power of Attorney is enclosed.

12. An Associate Power of Attorney is enclosed.

OTHER

13. Also enclosed: Copy of Assignment document in parent application, with Recordation Cover Sheet.

14. Cancel in this application Claims _____ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

15. Cancel in this application all claims of the prior application and substitute the claims contained in the attached Preliminary Amendment prior to calculating the filing fee.

16. Add the additional claims in the attached Preliminary Amendment prior to calculating the filing fee.

FEES DUE

17.

CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Basic Application Fee					\$ 770.00
Total Claims	20	MINUS 20 =	20	x \$18 =	00.00
Independent Claims	2	MINUS 3 =	0	x \$86 =	00.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$ 290.00					00.00
TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE					\$ 770.00

18. A Petition for Extension of Time to respond to the outstanding official action in the prior application, up to and including the filing date of the present application, is enclosed, the fee for which is \$ _____.

19. New drawings are enclosed (formal informal)

PAYMENT OF FEES

a. Check No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.

b. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the filing fee of \$ 770.00, as well as any additional fees which may be due under 37 CFR § 1.16 and § 1.17, which are required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1074 of Applied Materials, Inc., Santa Clara, California.

This transmittal letter is submitted in duplicate.

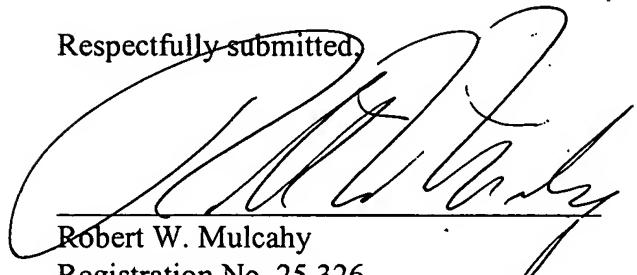
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